

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July-September 2010)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 07/20/10, 7pm, 30 min

Like his rival Charlie Baker, Tim Cahill is panning the Patrick Administration's proposed shift from state to national curriculum standards. Cahill says the governor is currying favor with teachers' unions that oppose the MCAS.

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One, L 08/10/10, 7:30pm, 30 min

The Honorable Leslie Harris has been an associate justice in the Suffolk County Juvenile Court in Massachusetts for over 15 years. Judge Harris talks with María Hinojosa about the vulnerable teens he faces everyday in his Boston courtroom and the flaws in the juvenile legal system in America.

Greater Boston, L 09/29/10, 7pm, 30 min

Boston police are continuing to investigate a gruesome quadruple murder in Mattapan. Four people, including a young toddler, lost their lives in the incident. As the investigation continues, what can be done to stop the shocking disregard for young lives?

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 08/04/10, 7pm, 30 min

A feud has been stirring between controversial developer Don Chiofaro and Boston Mayor Tom Menino for months. Chiofaro wants to put a pair of skyscrapers on the site of the Harbor Garage located on Atlantic Avenue. Chiofaro says the project needs to be at least 600 feet tall to be economically viable and has publicly criticized Menino and BRA.

Greater Boston, L 08/18/10, 7pm, 30 min

Donna Gittens says the hot neighborhoods right now are Savin Hill and Ashmont - both in Dorchester - and Jamaica Plain. People are moving to these areas because they have the best of both worlds - they're close to the city, close to public transportation and they have abundant green space.

Greater Boston, L 08/19/10, 7pm, 30 min

Yesterday, Suffolk Sheriff Andrea Cabral said she would not implement changes at the Nashua Street Jail. Cabral says the death of Phillip Markoff will not lead to changes on how often inmates are monitored, or what materials they are allowed to have in their cells.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 07/14/10, 7pm, 30 min

Joe Donovan was sentenced to life without parole in the 1992 felony murder of an MIT student. Donovan admits throwing the punch that knocked the student to the ground. But the teenager who committed the stabbing is already out.

Frontline, L 08/25/10, 9pm, 60 min

"Law & Disorder - Behind the enduring images of heroic rescues undertaken by the New Orleans Police Department in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, there is another story of law enforcement in crisis, even out of control. "Law & Disorder," a year-long, ongoing collaboration among FRONTLINE, ProPublica and the New Orleans Times-Picayune, investigates charges that NOPD officers inappropriately used lethal force against New Orleans citizens and then tried to cover up their actions. Airing days before the fifth anniversary of one of the deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history and drawing from reports published in a real-time online investigation, FRONTLINE takes a fresh look at how the NOPD performed when the rules of civilized society collapsed.

Need To Know, N 07/09/10, 9pm, 60 min

Uniform Justice - "Veterans' Courts" are being set up around the country to help veterans suffering from untreated Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) who are landing in the criminal justice system. But are these courts giving special treatment to veterans? Correspondent Maria Hinojosa reports.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 08/09/10, 7pm, 30 min

The "Women2Women - America" conference is taking place in Boston right now. The goal of W2W is to provide young women from around the world (including two from Afghanistan) with the opportunity to learn, network and get leadership skills needed to succeed in their countries.

Need To Know, N 08/20/10, 9pm, 60 min

Five Things You Need to Know about Gulf Seafood - At the beginning of August, government scientists released a report saying that 75 percent of the oil spilled from BP's Deepwater Horizon rig has been contained or mitigated. Despite President Obama's recent public swim in the Gulf, and officials from NOAA and the White House stating the Gulf seafood is safe to eat, Need To Know takes a closer look at those assertions.

Greater Boston, L 09/27/10, 7pm, 30 min

Question Three on the November ballot calls for the state sales tax to be rolled back from 6.25% to 3%. A new Boston Globe poll says 46% of likely voters support the measure even though it would cut \$2.5 billion from the budget.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 07/14/10, 7pm, 30 min

Faced with severe local aid cuts, the City of Lawrence recently laid off roughly 115 city and school employees. Among those hardest hit – firefighters who have put city and state officials in their crosshairs.

Greater Boston, L 07/15/10, 7pm, 30 min

FBI agents found a myriad of spy stuff after searching the Cambridge home of a pair of Russian spies. The goods included several unidentified pills, a soda can with a fake bottom and invisible ink.

Greater Boston, L 08/06/10, 7pm, 30 min

On Saturday, the state began sending unemployment checks to residents who were cut off during the long congressional stalemate over extending unemployment benefits.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 07/08/10, 7pm, 30 min

Six trees were chopped down at Faulkner Hospital on Tuesday after an infestation of Asian Longhorn Beetles was found. The beetles devour hardwood trees. They have no known predators in the US.

Greater Boston, L 09/13/10, 7pm, 30 min

After decades of procrastinating about how to treat wastewater, Cape Cod officials now face spending billions of dollars to prevent algae from ruining local beaches and harbors.

Need To Know, N 08/27/10, 9pm, 60 min

Fracking - In collaboration with Pro-Publica, Correspondent John Larson investigates hydraulic fracturing - or "fracking" - a method of drilling for natural gas that has significantly increased natural gas production in the U.S., but which critics say has the potential to pollute vast sections of the nation's water supply.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 07/08/10, 7pm, 30 min

The Coupon Bill would lift a decades old ban on pharma-manufacturer discounts in MA, allowing drug companies to subsidize the cost of expensive medications through a coupon program. Supporters say it would offset the high cost of lifesaving medications. Opponents say it's a marketing ploy by pharmaceuticals to get patients hooked on expensive brand name drugs.

Greater Boston, L 07/29/10, 7pm, 30 min

The "Open Notes," project invites patients to read what their primary care physician has written about them during their appointments.

Greater Boston, L 09/27/10, 9pm, 30 min

Genzyme, the largest biotech company in the Boston-area, has been hit by hard times recently. A virus contaminated the biotech giant's Allston plant and resulted in a \$175 million fine from the FDA.

VII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 07/21/10, 7pm, 30 min

One of the ballot questions before the voters this fall will be about rolling the state's sales tax back from 6.25% to 3%. Fiscal watchdogs are warning the rollback could impact already-trimmed budgets.

Greater Boston, L 07/27/10, 7pm, 30 min

Yesterday, House and Senate leaders attempted to jump-start stalled negotiations over legalizing casinos, but called it quits around 7pm. The House is calling for resort style casinos and racinos. The Senate and Governor want only resort-style casinos.

Greater Boston, L 08/19/10, 7pm, 30 min

Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce President Paul Guzzi praised an economic development package signed into law by Gov. Patrick earlier this month. The legislation includes a series of tax proposals aimed at stimulating job creation.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 07/22/10 7pm, 30 min

In an effort to bring lapsed Catholics back to the church, the Archdiocese of Boston is planning a major PR campaign in the coming year. It will include TV ads, parish events and personal invitations urging inactive Catholics to "come home."

Need To Know, N 09/10/10 9pm, 60 min

A Jon Meacham Essay - Jon Meacham discusses the role of religion in America, and creating and bridging our differences on the anniversary of 9/11.